

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 658

By Eldridge

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Cadet Colonel Jeffrey Lewoczko, for winning the Civil Air Patrol's General Carl A. Spaatz Award.

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their personal safety and concerns to ensure our individual and collective freedom, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to be the home of so many valiant men and women who have performed above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, thousands of Tennesseans continue the State's time-honored tradition of volunteerism through service in the Civil Air Patrol (CAP); and

WHEREAS, one such noble citizen is Cadet Colonel Jeffrey Lewoczko of the Henry County Composite Squadron, who was recently awarded the CAP's General Carl A. Spaatz Award; and

WHEREAS, the official auxiliary of the United States Air Force, the CAP Cadet program trains volunteers to perform homeland security, disaster relief, and counter-drug missions at the request of federal, state, and local agencies, and has been providing this service since 1941; and

WHEREAS, the highest cadet honor, and one which is earned by only two-tenths of one percent of CAP members, the Spaatz Award recognizes cadets who have demonstrated excellence in leadership, character, fitness, and aerospace education; and

WHEREAS, in order to earn this award, Cadet Colonel Lewoczko progressed through sixteen achievements over the course of five years, and underwent a rigorous four-part exam consisting of a challenging physical fitness test, an essay exam testing moral reasoning, a comprehensive written exam on leadership, and a comprehensive written exam on aerospace education; and

WHEREAS, as a participant in the CAP program, Cadet Colonel Lewoczko has served as Cadet Commander at the Henry County Composite Squadron, Flight Sergeant during the 2007 CAP Tennessee Wing Summer Encampment in Smyrna, Encampment Cadet Commander during the 2010 CAP Summer Encampment in Fort Campbell, Kentucky, and Vice Chair on the CAP Tennessee Wing Group 4 Cadet Advisory Council; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Gateway Christian Schools in Memphis, he is currently a senior at Union University, where he is majoring in physics and history with a minor in mathematics; and

WHEREAS, he is an active member of the student body, serving on the Undergraduate Judicial Appeals Committee and participating in the Phi Alpha Theta National History Honor Society and the Rutledge Honorary History Club; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, Jeffrey Lewoczko received a letter of commendation from Union University, competed in the 2007 and 2008 National Piano Playing Auditions, holds a private pilots certificate, and earned Skywarn Trained Observer certification from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; and

WHEREAS, Cadet Colonel Lewoczko epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Cadet Colonel Jeffrey Lewoczko for his dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Cadet Colonel Jeffrey Lewoczko upon his winning the Civil Air Patrol's General Carl A. Spaatz Award and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.